

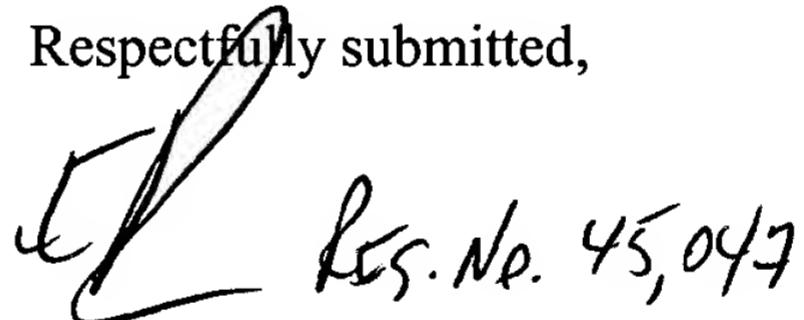
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending. Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 16-20 and the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 6-10 and 15.

In response to the Examiner's Supplemental Answer, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 to recite the features being relied upon. Specifically, claims 1 and 11 now describe that the sleeve is located between the bearing seat and the bearings, as supported in the various Figures. Reconsideration is therefore requested.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and passage of the application to allowance. If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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